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Identical letters dated 9 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a complaint against Israel which, on 16 October 2012, entered areas with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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At 0830 hours on 16 October 2012, a Poclain excavator belonging to the Israeli enemy accompanied by a patrol comprising five Humvee vehicles drove up to the technical fence opposite the Abbasiyah Gate inside the area with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim, near the position of the Spanish unit (28-4). The excavator then proceeded to extend its boom over the technical fence and moved four cement blocks towards Lebanese territory. The excavator then moved 200 metres to the east and once again extended its boom over the technical fence and carried out excavations in the territory with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim.

At 1315 hours on that same day, a 25-man enemy force on foot conducted a training exercise on the outskirts of Kafr Shuba-Saddanah, inside the area with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim. In the course of that exercise, force members deployed over a wide area and took up combat positions. Seven members of the force then crossed the Blue Line and proceeded some 8 metres towards the liberated area.

The above-mentioned actions are a flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), international law and the Charter of the United Nations. They also constitute a threat to international peace and security and are a continuation of Israel's aggressions against Lebanon.